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May 24, 2011

The Honorable Zev Yaroslavsky
Los Angeles County Supervisor, 3rd District
821 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisor Yaroslavsky:

I write to you today in strong support of the proposed addition of a Leimert Park/Vernon Station as part of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor project.

When the Metro Board of Directors placed Measure R on the ballot—it found some of its strongest support from residents along the corridor. As that money is being allocated for projects, they deserve to reap the same benefits as other neighborhoods along the corridor.

The Leimert Park community is a historic neighborhood and by including a station on the corridor line, you offer this community and its business a chance to grow and attract a new base. Similar light rail stations operated by Metro currently have stops in culturally significant communities such as Little Tokyo and Olvera Street both of which have been successful as destinations on the public transportation system.

I urge you to join me in standing with community, business and clergy leaders and include this additional station in the proposed project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Warren T. Furutani'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Warren' being more prominent.

WARREN T. FURUTANI
ASSEMBLYMEMBER, 55TH DISTRICT

CC: Metro Board of Directors
The Honorable Maxine Waters, United States Congress
The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor
Charisse Bremond, Brotherhood Crusade
Danny Bakewell, Los Angeles Sentinel
Blair Teller, Urban League
Gene Hale, African American Chamber of Commerce

